



Tomorrow's runoff election is specifically for residents of Jefferson County living in District 1 and pertains to the [commission](#) seat vacated when William Bell became mayor of Birmingham, AL earlier this year. The winner serves the remainder of Bell's term, set to expire at the end of the year.

The crazy thing is that you'll be given a choice between Birmingham City Councilman [Johnathan Austin](#) and retired General [George Bowman](#) tomorrow - and on July 13. The second election will determine the Democratic nominee for November's general election.

Confused yet?

[The Birmingham News' editorial board explains the situation as clearly as it can be](#), but it can still be a little disturbing if you think about it. One scenario, for example, could lead us to have to hold another special election to fill Austin's unexpired term at City Hall if he's successful tomorrow.

If you're a resident of District 1 and you want some help figuring out just who to vote for, the **Birmingham Young Democrats** are teaming up with **Women of Will (WOW)** to host a candidates runoff forum this evening at 5:30 p.m. at [Cosmos Sports Bar and Grill](#) in Norwood.

Candidates for [Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District](#) seat in Congress - [Terri Sewell](#) and [Shelia Smoot](#) - will be there too. You'll only have to vote for them once (& won't have to do that until July 13).